

## *The Peace Problem*

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world this truth. Let us hold it up now more fervently than ever—The common interests are greater than any racial or national interests. But war always destroys the community of the world to entrench again a particular trait of humanity.

Lastly, we need to teach the children the new patriotism. The old patriotism has been like the old sectarianism in religion—it thought everybody unsaved and foreign who was not of its own communion. The denomination was emphasized more than Christianity. It was typified in the remark of a certain New England deacon: "I may be a poor Christian but I'm a good Baptist." So the old patriotism has almost made us feel that all outside our own nation were inferiors, queer, unfavoured, strange foreigners, worst of all our natural enemies. The new patriotism teaches us to love our country just as much, yea, more, but at the same time, as in the new church unity, it teaches that men of other nations are not foreign nor alien, that they are very much like ourselves, that they live and behave very much as we do, that God has favoured them as much as us, that German, Frenchman, Englishman has many good qualities